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Secretion Literature. Secession has introduced a literature peection to itself, which will require a new dictionary, To talk of enforcing the law is called correing a sovereign State, precipitating revolution, firing the Southern heart, destroying all hopes of a reconstruction of the Union, forcing a collision, closing the deer of compromise and conciliation, and scaling it with blood. The Enquirer has discovered that to hold the United States forts at Charleston, is cocreion; therefore it includes all the crimes above recapitulated; therefore they should be given up.

The Enquirer "don't want the Southern beart fired more than it is now," And for fear the Southern heart would be fired, it would surrender Fort Moultrie. And we presume that it would have the Federal Government continue to pay the little army of revenue officers in South Carolina, and the mail contractors, and the considerable army of Postmasters, and let South Carolina seize the little revenue they collect, lest, if the Government should stop their pay, it would "fire the Southern heart more than It

On what humble-pie hath this Douglas organ fed, that it has grown so Uriah-Heap ish? Douglas had a reputation for boldness, however dubiously got. Is it his spirit that has come over the Enquirer? If so, let him resign the lion's part and hang a calf-skin on those brief nether limbs.

Vicarious Compromise. When the President in his Message recommends in order to conciliate the South, that her right to take slaves into the Territories and have them protected there against any unfriendly legislation, should be conceded and put in the Constitution, the Enquirer declared peremptorily that the "free States" would never submit to it, and it denied that the Supreme Court had declared any such

That was bold. But boldness in "rags and lamp black" is chesp. Those who knew the Enquirer expected a sea-change shortly, in which the reaction would be violent in proportion to the spasm of boldness. Sunday it came. Meet day for repentance! The Enquirer charged the Republicans with refusing any plan for conciliation or compromise, because, it prophesied, "they will set their faces like a flint against any plan for the settlement of our sectional difficulties, which shall ever acknowledge the right to hold slaves any where outside the present slave States.'

If they should, they will come to just the position that the Enquirer took when the President's Message came out. The right way to repent is to charge your sins on somebody else. That is a vicarious sacrifice.

But we are quite willing that the Enguirer should repent, even in this dubious way, f it will bring forth works meet for repentance. Will the Enquirer go for concession and compromise? It knows the proposition. It is to divide the Territories, and provide that south of the line slavery shall be protected in the Territorial condition, either by the Territorial Legislatures, or by Congress, if they fail; and that when admitted nto the Union, they shall come in as slave States.

Will the Enquirer go for this? We go for concession and compromise. All we fear is that the South will not ask enough; and especially that to exclude slavery north of that line will only be laying up a great Southern wrong for future use and concession and compromise. We want to know how far the Enquirer will go with us, and if it has really renounced its popular-sovereignty rebellion. These are the times that try men's souls; and certainly the Enquirer will not refuse so trifling a sacrifice to save the Union.

Close Pecuniary Calculation Under Excite-

The following extract from the speech of Mr. Dunkin in the South Carolina Secession Convention, on the proposition to take immediate possession of the Postoffice and Custom-house revenues, shows the mild, dignified and conservative spirit which the South Carolinians maintain in their deliberations, in spite of their great wrongs. Such forbearance should heap coals of fire on Northera apgressors.

A member had proposed to seize the Postoffice and Custom-house revenues, and account to the Federal Government for them in the final settelment. That is, to take the money and tell the Government to charge it. It was held that to permit the Federal Government to exercise any of its functions for one day after the ordinance of secession was passed, would be an acknowledgement of its authority, and, of course, a dishonor to South Carelina.

But Mr. Dunkin suggested the following facts, which seem to have been accepted as a sufficient salve for any wound which the sovereignty of South Carolina might receive by allowing foreign authority to be exercised on its very independent soil?

"Sir, I merely suggest this, as it has been spoken of by others. Secretary Cobb said that the revenue of South Carolina from the that the revenue of South Carolina from the Custom-house didn't near pay the expense of the customs. For the last quarter, I understand from the best authority, that the Postoffices of South Carolina cost the Government \$240,000, and the receipts have been less than \$50,000. Therefore, Mr. President, there is no great apprehension in that way. But accounts should be kept. In the meantime, the usual business transactions should be allowed to proceed until it was ascertained what were the views regarded by the administration, which, I have no doubt, are entirely friendly to us, and will do every thing that can be done in order to prevent any inconvenience."

Cautious as Mr. Dunkin was in stating facts

Cautious as Mr. Dunkin was in stating facts which were so very suggestive of the probable profits of South Carolina's Independence, he seems to us to have failed to meet the emergency like a true South Carolinian.

The proper way was to seize the revenue and have the Federal Government to pay the salaries and the contractors. Then if it refused to pay the collectors and postmasters and stopped the mails, it should be regarded as an attempt to coerce a sovereign State, and should "fire the Southern heart" -- as the mild Enquirer says. Such an outrage upon South Carolina would make all prospect of the "restoration of friendly relatious" hopeless. It would be an act of war, and would unite the whole South in resisting the aggression upoa a sovereign State.

The Hindustan language has of late re-oved a good deal of attention, and a profes-nor to teach it has recently been appointed at Cambridge University, in England.

Our Begraded Potph The Rev. Kingston Goddard, of Christ Church, (Episcopal) has called Hon, Henry Starbery to account for using the expression, "our degraded pulpits," in his speech at the Union-meeting, when he was enumerating the causes of the present troubles of the country. The Rev. Kingston Goddard calls for an explanation of this apparently sweeping condemnation of the ministry of Christ as existing in our Republic," and avers that infidels hereabouts claim that the centiment of Mr. Stanbery was that our

pulpits are generally degraded. Mr. Stanbery responds like a high-minded and accomplished lawyer. Firstly he "denice the fact," Secondly he gives the fact a different interpretation. He says his exact words were "a degraded pulpit;" not "our degraded pulpits," which puts quite a different face on the matter. He meant only those pulpits which had been degraded, which, it will be seen, is exactly expressed by the words "a degraded pulpit," and not at all by the words "our degraded pulpits."

The matter was thus explained to the satisfaction of both parties, and each tendered the other assurances of distinguished consideration. It is difficult to rerain from sighing when one thinks of the different mode in which an Episcopal Clergyman of Christ Church in South Carolina would have vindicated his pulpit from an intimation that it was degraded by preaching the Bible and Bowie-knife Gospel, with the Bowie-knife first, and with exhorting the brethren to go in for secession, for the Lord is on their side. He would have gone forth from his pulpit, having on the whole armor of South Carolina faith, a revolver in one hand and a Bowie-knife in the other, and would have sent summary conviction to Mr. Stanbery's heart for blaspheming against him whom the Lord had applied to preach the Gospel of secession and civil war.

But the coldness of our latitude affects the preaching of the Gospel, and it is not driven hone to the heart, as it is in more fervent climes.

Mr. Stanbery, having defined his exact words-though the Gazette, which is at home on all pulpit matters, being en rapport with all the sound pu'pits in the city, still insists that they were "our degraded pulpits"-he leaves the application of the expression, "a degraded pulpit," to each one's private judgment. This, certainly, is a happy disposition of the subject. For each clergyman can enjoy the consciousness that his own pulpit is pure, and the satisfaction of proouncing those of the other denominations degraded. Thus the explanation results in enlarged Christian charity. But Mr. Stanbery not only allows the right of private judgment to others in applying the expression, "a degraded pulpit," but he gives his own private application of it, from which it will be observed that he really meant those pulpits that are fomenting rebellion, disunon and civil war. With this application, Mr. Stanbery's remark should be satisfactory

to all in this latitude. We quote the pious and patriotic conclusion of his letter:

"It is a matter of some surprise to me, "It is a matter of some surprise to me, that my words should have been liable to such misconstruction as a denunciation of the pulpit generally. With our venerable Bishop on the same platform, my heart full of gratitude for his solemn appeal for the restoration of fraternal concord, was it for me to denounce the faithful minister of a Gospel of peace in the sacred desk which still teaches us obedience to civil authority. still teaches us obedience to civil authority, and love and good will to our fellow-men? Nothing was further from my purpose, for I look upon the pulpit as having relations with our social conditions, with our civil compositions Wherever there is a social discord, there is the privilege and duty of the good Divine to speak out, but not in the language of a partisan, not with words to inflame the controversy, not with argu-ments intended only for one side, however much he may sympathize with that side. If he can not your oil upon the troubled waters, if he can not speak words of peace and ad-monition that shall meet a willing response on all sides, it were better he should be si-

The reference to "our venerable Bishop' is forcible, for our venerable Bishop was conspicuous in appleuding the expression; which shows that he understood it to be " degraded pulpit," and not "our degraded pulpits;" and that he could not have understood it to apply to the Rev. Kingston Goddard's pulpit, it being one under his own charge. For we do not give heed to the report which the Times gave of a sermon from this pulpit, which denounced what is called High Church doctrine as if it were infidelity, and declared that nothing but the Gospel should ever be preached from that pulpit; conveying the charge that High Churchism is quite the reverse of the Gospel We have found the religious reports in that paper quite unreliable; and once or twice they were disclaimed in the Business Men's Prayer-meetings. Therefore we do not suppose that this shows any existing conflict of doctrine that should make our venerable Bishop applaud the expression "a degraded pulpit" as applying to Mr Goddard's church.

In fact, Mr. Stanbery's explanation removes a great many vexed questions that might have arisen, and makes the application so far South that it need not at-all disturb the beam in our pulpit optics.

A South Carolina Senator Illastrated. Senator Chesnut, of South Carolina, we do not remember to have seen; but if he does not look like a common cut-throat, he ought to institute suit for defamation of person, against the publishers of the Eastern illustrated papers. As he figures there, he reminds us greatly of Gibbs, the pirate, as shown in that choice volume, the Pirate's Oun Book. That face, and hang-dog expression would fix his fate with any vigitance committee at once. If he could be innocen of any crime of which he might be suspected, Spurzheim is a humbug and Lavater a bore.

An "irrepressible" poet, on the fourth usge of this paper, vents himself slightly on the concession and compromise which the Publicans are called upon to pay for their victory. It is easy to see that indignation has overcome his continence, and breaks out rather incoherently.

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